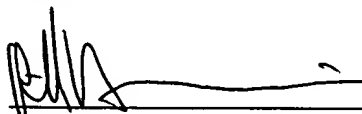


Remarks

New claims 22-29 are added herein. New claim 22 is supported in the Specification at least at paragraphs [0028] through [0030]. New claim 23 is supported in the Specification at least at paragraphs [0034] through [0036]. New claim 24 is supported in the Specification at least at paragraph [0037]. New claim 25 is supported in the Specification at least at paragraphs [0037] through [0051]. New claim 26 is supported in the Specification at least at paragraphs [0044] and [0045]. New claim 27 is supported in the Specification at least at paragraph [0053]. Claims 28 and 29 are supported in the Specification at least at paragraphs [0052] through [0054]. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by the new claims.

Claims 1-21 were pending in the case. The Office Action mailed 9/30/2003 issued a Restriction Requirement, classifying the claims into Groups I-III and requiring election of the invention to be examined. In response, Applicant elects to examine the claims of Group II (claims 10-14). New claims 22-29 are added herein. Claims 10-14 and 22-29 are presently pending in the case.

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